

SDX committee rejects resolution against mandatory union membership

Delegates at the Society of Professional Journalists/Sigma Delta Chi Convention in Los Angeles passed 13 resolutions and amended the organization's by-laws to increase dues and initiation fees, but the most controversial resolution did not reach the floor for a vote.

The resolution committee unanimously rejected the resolution opposing compulsory unionism, stating it would conflict with constitutional by-laws of SDX.

The resolution, entitled "Journalists' Freedom of Choice" stated that a journalist should "not be required to contribute either his loyalty or his money to any private organization in order to fulfill his (or her) First Amendment rights and professional obligations." As a result, journalists "should not be required to join or support any labor, fraternal, professional or any other private organization in order to report or interpret the news."

The resolution was co-sponsored by nearly 400 persons including such prominent journalists as James Kilpatrick, syndicated columnist for the *Washington Star*, Eric Sevareid, CBS News, William F. Buckley, Jr., *National Review*, M. Stanton Evans, *Los Angeles Times* syndicated columnist, as well as by a host of other print and broadcast journalists.

The resolutions committee's decision refusing to allow the resolution to go before the delegates was based largely on information contained in a 12 page report prepared by a special committee appointed by 1976 SDX President Robert McCord to look into the resolution.

The term "compulsory unionism" is "probably a misnomer," stated the report, "and the issue is more properly put as a question of whether to ban union shops." Under the SDX by-laws, the organization is pledged not to take sides in a labor-management dispute since SDX contains members from both areas.

The report further pointed out that SDX has been successful over the years because it is an "umbrella group" that brings together all segments of the profession.

"It is clear, from the reaction of the Guild and a number of SDX members who are Guildsmen, that the passage of the proposed resolution would be highly divisive and would be viewed by many as SDX support for management over labor on an issue of intense concern to both," stated the report.

Among the 13 resolutions passed was one urging that the SDX Freedom of Information Committee, headed by Grant Dillman of UPI, conduct "an immediate and thorough investigation" concerning pressure exerted by the United Farm

Workers on campus newspaper editors, administrators and publication committees to reject all Gallo wine ads or to give the UFW free space to counter advertising purchased by Gallo.

The resolution calls the UFW demands "subversive" to the basic principles of a free press. Various West Coast daily newspapers have editorially supported those campus papers which have resisted the strong arm tactics of the UFW (E&P, June 26.)

Other resolutions passed: —urged the Congress to open the House and Senate to the filming and recording of their sessions by all segments of the press and urged the courts to open trial proceedings in cases where fair trial would not be impeded by this.

—called upon the Congress to review the budgeting of the U.S. Postal Service to encourage circulation of newspapers and magazines (especially rural publications) now inhibited by rising mail costs.

—encouraged editors and publishers to provide adequate funds for coverage of travel news by travel writers to eliminate the possibility of travel writers becoming indebted to their sources by receiving free travel or other gifts.



Richard Leonard

Press coverage

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real interest in seriously discussing the issues was the reason not more discussion on important issues occurred. "The press was content with playing up the slips and blunders," he said.

"We may never know to what extent early press coverage of Carter had to do with the outcome of the election," Seib said. "The press made him the front runner and kept him the front runner."

He also criticized the press for ignoring

—changed the process of nominating regional officers, making it a regional function through a regional nominating committee rather than through the national nominating committee.

—endorsed efforts to amend Public Law 93-568 to assure access to campus arrest and crime records by the press.

—protested the treatment of newsmen in South Africa and called on the South African Government to desist from repressive actions and release any newsmen now in custody.

—encouraged news organizations to consider fairly women and members of minority groups for jobs and urged campus and professional chapters to actively seek out members from these groups to join the society.

—commended the Arizona press and the Investigative Reporters & Editors, Inc. for their efforts to bring to justice Don Bolles' assassins and honored Bolles as a martyr of the free press.

Delegates also voted to change the by-laws to increase dues for the first time in eight years. Dues for professional members were increased from \$15 to \$20 per year beginning January 1.

Another by-laws change increased the initiation fee for professionals from \$25 to \$30 and for students from \$17.50 to \$22.50. The former initiation fees had been stable since 1953.

Milwaukee editor named SDX president

Richard Leonard, editor of the *Milwaukee Journal*, was installed as president of the Society of Professional Journalists/Sigma Delta Chi on the closing day of the convention in Los Angeles.

Alf Goodykoontz, managing editor of the *Richmond (Va.) Times-Dispatch*, was selected president-elect.

Other officers elected at the convention included Phil Dessauer, managing editor of the *Tulsa (Okla.) Daily World*, secretary; Ralph Izard, professor of Journalism at Ohio University, reelected as vicepresident for campus chapter affairs; and Jean Otto, editorial writer for the *Milwaukee Journal*, treasurer. Otto was the only person contested. She defeated Nancy Baltad of the *Los Angeles Times* and Val Hymes, Washington correspondent for Westinghouse stations, on the first ballot.

Steven Dornfield, political writer for the *Minnesota Tribune*, was reelected Region 6 director; Charles Rehberg, principal assistant city editor of the *Spokane (Wash.) Daily Chronicle*, was elected director of Region 10; Kenneth Reilly, King Features Syndicate, was elected Region 2 director; and Frank Sutherland, reporter for the *Nashville Tennessean*, was reelected as Region 12

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JNAL SOCIETY OF PERSHING RIFLES
 B-8, M & N Bldg.
 University of Nebraska
 Lincoln, NE 68508
 Phone: (402) 472-2472
 Founded: 1894. Members: 3500. Active Chapters: 146. Honorary fraternity, tri-
 color military. Presents National Rifle Match Trophies annually; presents
 trophies to two members annually; also presents Drill Meet and Tactics
 trophies. Sponsors Alumni Association. Publications: (1) National Shield,
 monthly; (2) Pershing Rifleman, annual. Affiliated with: Capers (co-ed affiliate);
 Jacks (high school affiliate). Convention/ Meeting: semiannual - always
 in fall.

74★
JNAL SOCIETY OF SCABBARD AND BLADE
 W. Knapp
 Water, OK 74074
 Phone: (405) 372-3984
 Edwin E. Glover, Natl. Exec. Officer
 Founded: 1904. Members: 125,753. Active Chapters: 140. Honorary and
 initiation fraternity, military; advanced ROTC; all-Service. Offers award to
 outstanding ROTC Cadet. Sponsors rifle and pistol matches. Publications: (1)
 Letter, monthly; (2) Scabbard and Blade Journal, quarterly. Affiliated with:
 Order of Corps (female affiliate). Convention/ Meeting: annual - always
 in winter.

75★
JNAL SPURS
 P.O. Box 419
 Cruces, NM 88001
 Phone: (505) 646-3411
 Kathy Black, Exec. Sec.-Treas.
 Founded: 1922. Members: 1300. Active Chapters: 50. Honorary service
 organization. Women and men are elected for term of membership during
 third year in college. Sponsors "Operation Ecology", a national project
 implemented at local level. Publications: (1) The Spur (newsletter), 3/year; (2) At
 Service (handbook), biennial. Convention/ Meeting: biennial - 1978 June.

776★
ORDER OF THE COIF
 Frank R. Strong
 School of Law
 University of North Carolina
 Chapel Hill, NC 27514
 Phone: (919) 933-5106
 Frank R. Strong, Sec.-Treas.
 Founded: 1902. Members: 25,000. Active Chapters: 56. Honorary fraternity - men
 and women, law. Presents Coif award triennially, "in recognition of pre-eminent
 scholarship in the law." Publications: (1) Handbook, annual; (2) Membership
 Directory, (1972 edition). Formerly: (1912) Theta Kappa Nu. Convention/ Meeting:
 biennial - next 1979.

777★
QUILL AND SCROLL SOCIETY
 School of Journalism, University of Iowa
 Iowa City, IA 52242
 Phone: (319) 353-4475
 Richard P. Johns, Exec. Sec.
 Founded: 1926. Members: 1,000,000. Staff: 5. Local Chapters: 11,150. Honor
 society for high school journalism students recommended for membership by their
 schools. Seeks to reward individual achievements and to encourage individual
 initiative in high school journalism, creative writing, and allied fields. Provides
 information for editors, staffs, and advisers on all phases of publication work.
 Activities include National Newspaper Week contest and awards, current
 events quiz, creative writing contest, and newspaper critical service. Through
 Quill and Scroll Foundation, the Society promotes research, conducts surveys
 to determine the types of publications best suited to high schools and to aid in
 standardizing instruction in this field, and grants eight or more scholarships
 annually. Publications: Quill and Scroll, quarterly; also publishes booklets on
 news, handbooks for newspaper advisers, faculty, and principals, and other
 materials.

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RED ROSE
 Mr. Ed Glover, Dir. Of Internal Audits
 Oklahoma State University
 Stillwater, OK 74074
 Phone: (405) 372-6211
 Ed Glover, Exec. Sec.
 Members: 4500. University professors. Convention/ Meeting: semiannual - always
 in fall and October, Stillwater, OK.

779★
SOCIETY FOR COLLEGIATE JOURNALISTS (Pi Delta Epsilon-Alpha Phi Gamma)
 School of Journalism
 Northern Illinois University
 DeKalb, IL 62901
 Phone: (815) 536-3361
 J. David Reed, Exec. Sec.-Treas.
 Founded: 1975. Members: 29,000. Active Chapters: 150. Recognition society -
 men and women, collegiate journalism. Conducts national contests among
 members. Sponsors Edward F. McDonald Award, Distinguished

Service in Journalism Award, Outstanding Chapter Award. Publications:
 Collegiate Journalism, 3/year. Absorbed: (1928) Omega Xi Alpha; (1944) Alpha
 Chi Alpha. Formed by Merger of: Alpha Phi Gamma (founded 1919) and Pi Delta
 Epsilon (founded 1909). Convention/ Meeting: biennial - 1977 March, Nashville,
 TN.

12780★
SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL JOURNALISTS, SIGMA DELTA CHI
 35 E. Wacker Dr.
 Chicago, IL 60601
 Phone: (312) 236-6577
 Russell E. Hurst, Exec. Officer
 Founded: 1909. Members: 30,000. Active Chapters: 275. Professional society,
 journalism. Holds annual Mark of Excellence Contest. Presents annual Wells
 Memorial Key, Distinguished Teaching in Journalism Award, Distinguished
 Service Awards in Journalism, and Outstanding Graduate Citations. Committees:
 Freedom of Information; Historic Sites; Professional Development. Publications:
 The Quill, monthly; also publishes and distributes informational and
 educational materials for journalists, students, and the general public.
 Convention/ Meeting: annual - always November. 1977 Detroit, MI; 1978
 Birmingham, AL. Also holds annual regional conferences in the spring.

12781★
TRIANGLE
 2114 Central St.
 Evanston, IL 60201
 Phone: (312) 866-7740
 Herbert F. Scobie, Exec. Officer
 Founded: 1907. Members: 14,600. Active Chapters: 31. Alumni Chapters: 32.
 Social fraternity, engineering and architecture. Publications: Triangle Review,
 quarterly. Convention/ Meeting: biennial.

12782★
WOMEN IN COMMUNICATIONS
 8305-A Shoal Creek Blvd.
 Austin, TX 78758
 Phone: (512) 452-0119
 Mary E. Utting, Exec. Dir.
 Founded: 1909. Members: 7500. Student Chapters: 86. Professional Chapters:
 77. Professional society, journalism and communications. Sponsors National
 Awards Competition. Committees: Continuing Education; Continuing Studies;
 Cooperative Efforts; Freedom of Information; Legislative. Publications: (1)
 National Newsletter, 8/year; (2) The Matrix, quarterly; (3) National Directory of
 Professional Members, biennial; also publishes Careers Unlimited (career
 publication for high school students). Formerly: (1972) Theta Sigma Phi.
 Convention/ Meeting: annual - 1977 Oct. 5-12, Honolulu, HI; 1978 Detroit, MI.

GREEK LETTER SOCIETIES

12783★
ALPHA ALPHA GAMMA
 7440 University Dr.
 St. Louis, MO 63130
 Phone: (314) 763-6775
 Betty Lou Custer, Historian
 Founded: 1922. Members: 1150. Active Chapters: 11. Alumni Chapters: 9.
 Professional sorority, architecture. Publications: Keystone, semiannual. Affiliated
 with: Association of Women in Architecture.

12784★
ALPHA BETA ALPHA
 Shepherd College Library
 Shepherdstown, WV 25443
 Phone: (304) 876-6775
 Jean A. Elliott, Exec. Sec.
 Founded: 1950. Members: 1362. Active Chapters: 37. Professional fraternity -
 men and women, library science. Publications: The Alphabet, 2/year. Convention/
 Meeting: biennial - next 1978.

12785★
ALPHA CHI
 Harding College, Box 773
 Searcy, AR 72143
 Phone: (501) 268-6161
 Joseph E. Pryor, Sec.-Treas.
 Founded: 1922. Members: 70,774 (inducted since founding date). Active
 Chapters: 155. Honor society - college students ranking in the upper 10 percent
 of their class, inducted into membership as juniors, seniors or graduating
 seniors. Awards scholarships. Publications: (1) Newsletter, annual; (2) Recorder,
 annual. Affiliated with: Association of College Honor Societies. Formerly: (1927)
 Scholarship Societies of Texas; (1934) Scholarship Societies of the South.
 Convention/ Meeting: biennial - next 1977.

12786★
ALPHA CHI OMEGA
 8733 Founders Rd.
 Indianapolis, IN 46268
 Phone: (317) 299-6213
 Mrs. Scott Martindill, Exec. Sec.
 Founded: 1925. Members: 85,000. Active Chapters: 100. Alumni Groups: 280.